

Patent No. 5,923,790 to Miwa and U.S. Patent No. 6,930,808 to Otani. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As agreed during the personal interview, none of the applied references teaches or suggests the features of independent claims 1 and 20. Thus, as agreed during the personal interview, the outstanding rejection over the applied references will be withdrawn and the application will be allowed. Withdrawal of the rejection and prompt allowance are thus respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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